

NEWSLETTER

of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library

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AGENDA FOR LIBRARIANS MEETING - April 22, 1968

We strongly urge that all Librarians and their Trustees attend the Spring Meeting on April 22, 1968 at the Plattsburgh Public Library Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. The agenda is as follows:

1. Mr. Vecchio - General News of the System
2. Mr. Richard Ward - Reference
How to help a borrower find information.
How to ask questions of the borrower so that it will be absolutely clear as to what he is seeking from you in the way of information.
3. Mr. John Crager - Young Adult Services
How to use the newly issued 9th edition of the Senior High School Library Catalog in selecting useful titles for your Teen-Age collections.
4. Mrs. Barbara Doh -
Newbery and Caldecott Awards for Children's Literature in 1967.
5. Mr. Normand Dumont -
Book checking procedures by member libraries.
Useful information on simplifying record keeping in your library.

Please note that in connection with part 5 of the Agenda, Mr. Dumont will send each member library a simple questionnaire in preparation for this part of the meeting. This questionnaire should be brought to the meeting as a basis for discussion, or mailed if it is impossible to attend.

This meeting will be the first this year, and we hope that all will attend.

See you April 22nd.

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN'S TRAINING GRANT AGAIN AVAILABLE IN 1968

Public Librarian's Training Grants will be available again this year under the Library Services and Construction Act, whereby grants are made to college graduates for graduate study in librarianship with a requirement for two years public

library service. Payment of tuition and related costs under this program is considered an advance until the requirement of service in public library or public library system has been met. Reimbursement of Federal funds by candidates not fulfilling the service obligation will be required.

We urge you to encourage anyone to apply whom you might think would qualify for these grants. This information is being sent to career counselors throughout the State and the examination is being announced through press and radio releases. The regulations are the same as in 1967, including endorsement by a public librarian, public library director, or system director, as one criterion of eligibility for participation in the qualifying examination. Your own efforts in recruiting persons to the field will take on added significance through this feature of the program. As you use this program to attract persons likely to perform well in public libraries, you will be contributing to the goal of adequate library service.

We hope that you and your professional staff can give this program your cooperation. Should you wish additional information, please address your inquiries to:

Miss Alice L. Britenbaker
Division of Library Development
New York State Library
State Education Department
Albany, New York 12224

Applications are accepted until April 20, 1968

We need librarians

We would also like to add that we have a useful booklet from American Library Association, Library Education Division listing fellowships, scholarships, grants-in-aid, loan funds, and other financial assistance for library education. We urge you to encourage anyone whom you feel might be a likely prospect in the field of librarianship to seek information on these scholarships and financial aids that are available outside of as well as in New York State. Please contact Normand Dumont at system headquarters for any information on possible financial assistance for anyone in library school or contemplating a librarian's career.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Member librarians are to be congratulated for sending in their Annual Reports so readily. We thank you for your cooperation in this important annual chore.

VISITS BY CONSULTANTS

Consultants John Crager and Richard Ward visited AuSable Forks and Keeseville Libraries to discuss reference, young adult services and general problems.

Wadhams Free Library and Willsboro were also visited by Consultants Mrs. Barbara Doh, Mrs. Mary Leggett and Richard Ward. Problems in adult and children's services were discussed.

YOUNG ADULT SERVICES

The 9th Edition of the Senior High School Library Catalog is now available. At the next librarian's meeting on April 22, we shall discuss this basic young adult bibliography and its value to every library.

It is helpful to find the answers to some teen problems in books such as Rudolph M. Wittenberg's The Troubled Generation. Using the case history approach, he brings the psychiatrist's viewpoint to problems ranging from the drop-out to promiscuity. Both the Senior High School Library Catalog and The Troubled Generation are available for you to borrow.

NEW YORK STATE INTERLIBRARY LOAN NETWORK MEETING

Mr. Richard Ward, System Reference Consultant, will attend the Division of Library Development's meeting of NYSILL (New York State Interlibrary Loan) which will be held on Friday morning, March 22, in Syracuse. The meeting will be devoted to evaluating the effectiveness of the NYSILL program.

In pursuance of its objectivity of making freely accessible the information resources of New York State to researchers, the New York State Library instituted in April 1967 a pilot experiment in compensated interlibrary loan, involving three major public libraries and nine of the largest subject resource libraries. The collections of these great libraries supplement the State Library in its service to the public and they are reimbursed on a per item basis for materials which they lend.

The New York State Interlibrary Loan Network is organized around the State Library which serves as the referral agency and the hub and monitor of the transactions.

COMPTON'S ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR SALE

If any member library would like to purchase a set of Compton's Encyclopedia (1967 ed.) at a very low price, System Headquarters has one set for \$79.50. This is on first come, first served basis. Please have your check made out to Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation. Send check with name and address of library to System Headquarters. We shall then forward the set to you.

JUVENILE COLLECTIONS

We are delighted that so many of the member librarians are making such good use of juvenile titles from our Book Pool collection. However, at this point our book resources at the System are somewhat depleted in particular areas---especially the Easy books. So we would ask a favor. As you receive new juvenile collections will you please return to us excess Easies which the children who use your library have already read? Also, when your older juvenile readers have finished reading System books---especially very popular and very excellent titles---will you please return them? Then we can send these books on to another library and send you titles which have been returned from a different library. In this way, juvenile readers of all ages throughout our three counties will have an opportunity to select and read from a wide variety of books.

AWARD NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED BY NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The New York Library Association has announced that they are asking for nominations for the Marion Moshier Award for Distinguished Librarianship and the Asa Wynkoop Award.

MARION MOSHIER AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED LIBRARIANSHIP

Trustees and friends are invited to suggest librarians for this award. Candidates must have given distinguished service as community librarians in communities of 5,000 or under. The winner will receive the sum of \$100.00 and a certificate of merit as well as recognition at the NYLA Conference in New York, November 18-21, 1968.

Nominations and qualifying statements should be submitted on application forms and sent to Juliette Bryson, Mohawk Valley Library Association, 858 Duaneburg Road, Schenectady, New York by June 1, 1968.

ASA WYNKOOP AWARD

The Asa Wynkoop Award is given to an untrained librarian of a small community library. The nominee for this award may be fairly new in the library field but must have performed outstanding service in a library in a community of 5,000 or less. The Award carries an honorarium of \$100 for the purpose of attending a course in library science or taking a planned trip, or equivalent time, visiting outstanding libraries. The applicant of this award should apply himself or be nominated by trustees of the local library or by patrons. Applications for the award should be sent before June 1, 1968 to: Miss Juliette Bryson, Chairman, Awards Committee, Mohawk Valley Library Association, 858 Duaneburg Road, Schenectady, New York 12306.

If you or your library would like to nominate anyone for either award, System Headquarters has applications and further information. Please contact Normand Dumont for this material.

NEWS OF MEMBER LIBRARIES

Lake Placid Public Library has been the recipient of gifts of money and magnificent books. The editor of the Lake Placid News, a weekly paper, has established a weekly column called "What's New At the Library." Each week an article on a phase of the library's service, new books, special interest collections or reviews will be featured.

Plattsburgh Public Library staff members have appeared on the local TV station's morning show called News of Women. Miss Laura Jean Ingalls did book reviews and Miss Verna Pungitore discussed reference services in the System's Central Library. In future programs, Mrs. Paul Maicus of AuSable Forks will appear. The TV show is moderated by Mrs. Sheila Cluff.

Saranac Lake Free Library held its annual meeting. Mr. Henry Larom, Head of the English Department of Rockland Community College, spoke. Mr. Thomas B. Cantwell, President of the Board of Trustees, gave details of the recent expansion of the library in his annual report. Mr. Frank R. Knight of Onchiota resigned as

director of the Library Board, and Mrs. Loring Andrews of Saranac Lake was appointed to replace him.

The Tupper Lake Library Board has agreed to spend \$900.00 to microfilm old copies of the Tupper Lake Free Press and Herald. John Stock, member of the Board who was appointed to look into preserving town historical records at the January 2 meeting, reported that McChesney of Syracuse would do the work. The library plans to microfilm 57 years worth of papers.

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